

Saguaro National Park

Celebrating 75 Years

Interpretive Program Schedule



Rincon Mountain District (East) January 14 – January 20, 2008

Monday, Jan. 14

10:00 a.m. Weather Watch NPS – *Patio Talk*
11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations – *Patio Talk*
2:00 p.m. Strange Plants – *Patio Talk*

Tuesday, Jan. 15

8:30 a.m. Desert Bird Walk – *Guided Hike*
9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike – *Guided Hike*
11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations - *Patio Talk*

Wednesday, Jan. 16

9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike – *Guided Hike*
2:00 p.m. Home Sweet Hole – *Guided Hike*
2:00 p.m. Sunset/Moonrise Hike – *Guided Hike**

Thursday, Jan. 17

10:00 a.m. Prehistoric People of the Sonoran Desert - *Patio Talk*
2:00 p.m. A Taste of the Desert - *Patio Talk*

Friday, Jan. 18

10:00 a.m. Desert Discovery Hike – *Guided Hike*
11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations - *Patio Talk*
2:00 p.m. Strange Plants - *Patio Talk*
7:00 p.m. 75th Anniversary Night Hike – *Guided Hike**

Saturday, Jan. 19

10:00 a.m. To Conserve the Scenery – *Guided Hike*
2:00 p.m. Strange Plants - *Patio Talk*
3:00 p.m. 75 Years at Saguaro NP: An Illustrated History – *Slide Show*

Sunday, Jan. 20






10:00 a.m. 1933 to Today - *Guided Hike*
2:00 p.m. Strange Plants - *Patio Talk*
3:00 p.m. Pepe La Pew & the Other Lovers of Saguaro NP – *Slide Show*




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75th Anniversary Night Walk <i>2 hour, 1 mile walk</i> <i>Reservations Required</i>	Join a Park Ranger for this 2 hour hike through the Sonoran Desert and explore the history and future of the Saguaro Cactus in Saguaro National Park. Bring water and a flashlight. Space is limited, so call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 to reserve your spot.
75th Years at Saguaro National Park: An Illustrated History <i>45 minute slide presentation</i> 	Join a park ranger in the visitor center auditorium for a trip down memory lane as Saguaro National Park prepares to celebrate its 75 th anniversary. This presentation, which includes many historic photos, takes a look at the events that helped shape Saguaro National Park.
1933 to Today: Saguaro National Park <i>2 hour, 1 mile walk</i>	Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden for a walk back in time to learn how and why Saguaro National Park came to be.
A Taste of the Desert <i>20 minute garden walk</i> 	Join a naturalist for this short stroll in the cactus garden and explore the many uses of native desert plants, some of which are quite tasty!
Desert Adaptations <i>20-30 minute garden walk</i> 	This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.
Desert Bird Walk <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>	Bring your binoculars and favorite field guide as we search for birds in the Sonoran Desert.
Desert Discovery Hike <i>2 hour, 2 mile guided hike</i>	Join a park naturalist on a hike into Saguaro National Park and discover the beauty of the Sonoran Desert. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring water, and a trail snack.
Desert Morning Hike <i>3 hour, 4 mile guided hike</i>	Join a park naturalist on an exploration hike into Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring water, and a trail snack.
Home Sweet Hole <i>2 hour, 1.5 mile guided hike</i>	Join park naturalists on an expedition to locate and identify various desert homes found in Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring water, and a trail snack.
Little House on the Desert <i>1 mile, 2 hour walk</i>	Join “Viola Freeman” on a one-mile, two-hour walk and find out what life was like here 75 years ago. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. Advance registration is recommended and can be made by calling 733-5153.
Pepe Le Pew and Other Lovers of Saguaro National Park <i>45 minute slide presentation</i> 	If you’ve ever wondered where animal babies come from, join Park Ranger Josh Boles for this special program on animal reproduction in the desert.
Prehistoric People in the Sonoran Desert <i>Patio Talk</i> 	Stop by the display table on the patio for an exploration into the prehistory of this area. Learn who lived here over 1000 years ago and what they used for food, clothing, and shelter.

Sunset/Moonrise Hike <i>7 hour, 7 mile Guided Hike</i> <i>Reservations Required</i>	This strenuous hike climbs 1100’ in elevation into the Rincon Mountains for views of a desert sunset and a descent under the full moon. Wear sturdy hiking boots and dress for the weather. Bring a trail dinner, plenty of water, and a flashlight. Space is limited, so call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 to reserve your spot.
Ridge Line Hike <i>3 hour, 4 mile Guided Hike</i>	Join a park ranger on this hike that exposes you to the many forms of life above the desert floor. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, dress for the weather, bring plenty of water, and a trail snack.
To Conserve the Scenery <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>	National Parks are set aside for the enjoyment of current and future generations. However, our parks and the resource in them are being threatened by outside forces. Join a park ranger for a one mile walk and discover what’s being done to “Save the Scenery”.
Star Party <i>2 hours, a slide program followed by star gazing</i> 	Join a park naturalist for an introduction to some of the issues surrounding the preservation of the night sky, then joins us for star gazing. Telescopes and binoculars will be provided. Dress for the weather. Advance registration is recommended and can be made by calling 733-5153.
Strange Plants <i>20 minute garden walk</i> 	Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join Park Ranger Josh Boles for a stroll in the Cactus Garden and learn how desert plants thrive.
Weather Watch NPS <i>20 minute Garden Walk</i> 	Join a park ranger to learn how weather affects our national parks.

Schedule subject to change, please call the visitor center for updates
Visitor Center Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily
(Mountain Standard Time)
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